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SUBJECT: GULF OIL POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS IN KOREA

1. IN CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY MAY 12 ALEXANDER TROWBRIDGE, PRESIDENT OF THE US-KOREA ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INFORMED MR. INGERSOLL THAT BOO DORSEY HAD TOLD HIM OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO PARK REELECTION CAMPAIGN. TROWBRIDGE ALSO SAID DORSEY TOLD HIM THAT PRESIDENT PARK PLANS TO ISSUE CATEGORIC DENIAL OF KNOWLEDGE OF SOLICITATION OF GULF AND ITS CONTRIBUTIONS, AND STATE THAT IF ACTIONS DESCRIBED BY DORSEY TOOK PLACE THEY WERE RESPONSIBILITY OF FUND RAISER FOR PARK AT THE TIME. (FYI: FORMER DRP FINANCE COMMITTEE CHA RMAN, KIM SONG-KON, NOW DECEASED.)

2. TROWBRIDGE TOLD DEPUTY SECRETARY THAT IF HE IS ASKED ABOUT GULF CASE HE PLANS STATE THAT ACTIVITIES OF ANY ONE COMPANY DOING BUSINESS IN KOREA ARE ITS OWN AFFAIR AND THAT
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GULF CASE HAS NO CONNECTION TO COUNCIL. TROWBRIDGE SAID HE

PERSONALLY WOULD NOT CONDONE SUCH ACTIVITIES.

3. TROWBRIDGE ALSO ASKED DEPUTY SECRETARY ABOUT US SECURITY COMMITMENT TO ROKG AND WAS TOLD THERE SHOULD BE NO DOUBT AS TO OUR COMMITMENT TO ROK.

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